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UNITED NATIONS MEMBER STATES

The 159 Member States of the United Nations, with the dates on which they became Members, are listed below:

Member	Date of Admission
Afghanistan	19 Nov. 1946
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Angola	1 Dec. 1976
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Argentina	24 Oct. 1945
Australia	1 Nov. 1945
Austria	14 Dec. 1955
Bahamas	18 Sep. 1973
Bahrain	21 Sep. 1971
Bangladesh	17 Sep. 1974
Barbados	9 Dec. 1966
Belgium	27 Dec. 1945
Belize	25 Sep. 1981
Benin	20 Sep. 1960
Bhutan	21 Sep. 1971
Bolivia	14 Nov. 1945

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Burundi	18 Sep 1962
Byelorussia	24 Oct. 1945
Cambodia	14 Dec. 1955
Cameroon	20 Sep. 1960
Canada	9 Nov. 1945
Cape Verde	16 Sep. 1975
Central African Republic	20 Sep. 1960
Chad	20 Sep. 1960
Chile	24 Oct. 1945
China	24 Oct. 1945
Colombia	5 Nov. 1945
Comoros	12 Nov. 1975
Congo	20 Sep. 1960
Costa Rica	2 Nov. 1945
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Cuba	24 Oct. 1945
Cyprus	20 Sep. 1960
Czechoslovakia	24 Oct. 1945
Denmark	24 Oct. 1945

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Dominica	18 Dec. 1978
Dominican Republic	24 Oct. 1945
Ecuador	21 Dec. 1945
Egypt*	24 Oct. 1945
El Salvador	24 Oct. 1945
Equatorial Guinea	12 Nov. 1968
Ethiopia	13 Nov. 1945
Fiji	13 Oct. 1970
Finland	14 Dec. 1955
France	24 Oct. 1945
Gabon	20 Sep. 1960
Gambia	21 Sep. 1965
German Democratic Republic	18 Sep. 1973
Germany, Federal Republic of	18 Sep. 1973
Ghana	8 Mar. 1957
Greece	25 Oct. 1945
Grenada	17 Sep. 1974
Guatemala	21 Nov. 1945
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Iran	24 Oct. 1945
Iraq	21 Dec. 1945
Ireland	14 Dec. 1955
Israel	11 May 1949
Italy	14 Dec. 1955
Jamaica	18 Sep. 1962
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Malaysia*	17 Sep. 1957
Maldives	21 Sep. 1965
Mali	28 Sep. 1960
Malta	1 Dec. 1964
Mauritania	27 Oct. 1961
Mauritius	24 Apr. 1968
Mexico	7 Nov. 1945
Mongolia	27 Oct. 1961
Morocco	12 Nov. 1956
Mozambique	16 Sep. 1975
Myanmar	19 Apr. 1948
Namibia	23 Apr. 1990
Nepal	14 Dec. 1955
Netherlands	10 Dec. 1945
New Zealand	24 Oct. 1945
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Norway	27 Nov. 1945
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Panama	13 Nov. 1945
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Paraguay	24 Oct. 1945
Peru	31 Oct. 1945
Philippines	24 Oct. 1945
Poland	24 Oct. 1945
Portugal	14 Dec. 1955
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Romania	14 Dec. 1955
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Sri Lanka	14 Dec. 1955
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Suriname	4 Dec. 1975
Swaziland	24 Sep. 1968
Sweden	19 Nov. 1946
Syria*	24 Oct. 1945 (resumed 13 Oct. 1961)
Thailand	16 Dec. 1946
Togo	20 Sep. 1960
Trinidad and Tobago	18 Sep. 1962
Tunisia	12 Nov. 1956
Turkey	24 Oct. 1945
Uganda	25 Oct. 1962
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Venezuela	15 Nov. 1945
Viet Nam	20 Sep. 1977
Yemen**	22 May 1990
Yugoslavia	24 Oct. 1945
Zaire	20 Sep. 1960
Zambia	1 Dec. 1964
Zimbabwe	25 Aug. 1980

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